Maximus Thundercloud: Gladiator Hero - Test Animation

FADE IN:

EXT. ABANDONED WAREHOUSE - NIGHT

The scene opens up with an abandoned warehouse at night, where we can see fencing around it, which electrocutes whoever trespasses. We then hear a loud, evil laugh from offscreen.

THE QUESTIONER (offscreen)
(maniacally laughing)

The scene then fades to INT. QUESTIONER'S LAIR - MIRROR MAZE, where we see Maximus, tied up into a chair with ropes, from the chair's rear back. We can still hear The Questioner's voice from offscreen.

THE QUESTIONER (offscreen; CONT'D)
Heh, when we were JUST getting into the game - you OUTSMARTED me!

Cut to a moving shot of Maximus, from the front, still tied to the chair, feeling angry. The camera moves upwards as this happens.

THE QUESTIONER (offscreen; CONT'D)
Y'know, come to think of it, Thundercloud.
I think it's pretty fun!

MAXIMUS (annoyed)
Ya think, cuz your questions are driving me nuts - and by that extent, so is your laugh.

Cut to a close up shot of The Questioner, cockily, with both his hands near his face, in a fist.

THE QUESTIONER (cockily)
SPEAKING of questions - why don't we play a little game - courtesy of me?

MAXIMUS (offscreen)
How about no?

THE QUESTIONER (cockily; CONT'D)
(mimicking a buzzer sound)
WRONG-O, Thundercloud!
(maniacally laughing)

The answer is YES - and you're going to enjoy it, whether you like it or not!
(pause)
Now, ANSWER ME THIS!!

Cut to a shot of Maximus, still angry, as the camera slowly zooms out.

THE QUESTIONER (offscreen; CONT'D)
I am someone who you meet at a local carnival. I wear an old timey hat and vest, FILLED with stripes!
(chuckles)
I also wear a teeny, weeny little mustache!

Maximus closes his eyes tight and suddenly, he vanishes into thin air as the ropes fall on the chair. Cut to a shot of The Questioner, with his left arm behind his torso and his right arm pointing up with his finger pointing up as well, as he is still telling the question.

THE QUESTIONER (cockily; CONT'D)
What kind of carnival worker am I-
(pause, looking around for Maximus)
(mockingly)
Ha-ha! Very funny, Thundercloud - BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM MY QUESTION!
(maniacally laughs for a moment, then grunts heavily)

Suddenly, a rope, in the form of a glowing lightning strike, captures The Questioner as he grunts to break free from it.

MAXIMUS (mockingly; offscreen)
Say, Question-eer, this is a great game!

The camera moves upwards to reveal Maximus, now free from the rope, who managed to tie the Questioner into the rope.

MAXIMUS (mockingly; CONT'D)
Shall I - ANSWER YOU this?

THE QUESTIONER (offscreen; angrily)
(grunts)
Ohhhhh, CURSE YOU, MAXIMUS THUNDERCLOUD!!

The camera then moves downward to reveal The Questioner, now angry staring at the camera.

THE QUESTIONER (angrily; CONT'D)

(mockingly)
And the answer was a carnival barker!

FADE OUT.